

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method~~Method~~ for detecting and/or identifying bacteria present in a liquid or solid sample, wherein:
 - a. the sample that may contain said bacteria is placed in a liquid culture medium, in a first container~~containe~~,
 - b. a second container comprising at least one system for detecting said bacteria is provided~~provided~~,
 - c. a means of transfer between the first container and the second container is provided, said means of transfer comprising at least a first opening in the first container and at least a second opening in the second container, such that the second container defines a first volume of air between the second opening of the transfer means and the at least one system for detecting said bacteria;
 - d. a temperature T1 is applied inside the second container~~containe~~, then
 - e. a temperature T2 is applied inside the second container~~containe~~,
 - f. the temperature T1 is higher than the temperature T2 such that a defined volume of culture medium is transferred from the first container to the second container~~and eontainer~~,
 - g. the presence or absence of bacteria is determined and/or the bacteria are identified within the detection system.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method~~Method~~ according to Claim 1~~Claim 2~~, wherein the means of transfer defines a second volume of air between the first opening and

~~the second opening; the second container delimits a first volume of air between the second opening and the detection system and/or the transfer means delimits a second volume of air between the first opening and the second opening.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The method~~Method~~ according to Claim 1, wherein T1 is between 25 and 45°C, ~~preferably between 30 and 42°C~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The method~~Method~~ according to Claim 1, wherein T2 is between, ~~preferably between 4 and 24°C, preferably between 13 and 18°C~~.

6. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A method~~Method~~ for detecting and/or identifying bacteria present in a liquid or solid sample, wherein:

- a. the sample that may contain said bacteria is placed in a liquid culture medium, in a first container~~;eontainer~~,
- b. a second container comprising at least one system for detecting said bacteria is provided~~;provided~~,
- c. a means of transfer between the first container and the second container is provided~~;provided~~,
- d. a temperature T1 is applied inside the first container~~;eontainer~~, then
- e. a temperature T2 is applied inside the first container~~;eontainer~~,
- f. the temperature T1 is lower than the temperature T2 such that a defined volume of culture medium is transferred from the first container to the second container~~; and eontainer~~,
- g. the presence or absence of bacteria is determined and/or the bacteria are identified within the detection system.

7. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A device~~Device~~ for detecting and/or identifying bacteria in a sample, comprising:

a second container, comprising at least one detection system~~;system~~, and

_____ at least one means of transfer between a first container and the second container, said transfer means comprising at least a first opening in the first container and at least a second opening in the second container.

8. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The device~~Device~~ according to Claim 7, wherein the second container delimits a first volume of air between the second opening and the detection system and/or the transfer means delimits a second volume of air between the first opening and the second opening.

9. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The device~~Device~~ according to Claim 7, wherein the transfer means is a non-capillary conduit.

10. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The device~~Device~~ according to Claim 7, wherein the second container is included in the first container.

11. (Currently Amended) A kit~~Kit~~ for detecting and/or identifying bacteria by means of,~~for~~ implementing the method according to Claim 1.

12. (New) The method according to Claim 4, wherein T1 is between 30 and 42°C.

13. (New) The method according to Claim 5, wherein T2 is between 13 and 18°C.